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SUBJECT: UN LATIN GROUP STATEMENT ON VENEZUELA

1. THE UN SECRETARIAT CIRCULATED FEB. 7 A STATEMENT BY THE LATIN GROUP AT THE UN (GRULAC) DEPLORING THE COUP ATTEMPT IN VENEZUELA AND EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT OF PRES. CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ. THE STATEMENT HAS CIRCULATED AS AN OFFICIAL UN DOCUMENT (S/23509) AT THE REQUEST OF PANAMA AS CHAIRMAN OF THE GRULAC FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY. TEXT OF PANAMANIAN NOTE AND THE DECLARATION BELOW.

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2. BEGIN TEXT:

NOTE VERBALE DATED 5 FEBRUARY 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF PANAMA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA TO THE UNITED NATIONS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND, IN ITS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GROUPS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, HAS THE HONOUR TO UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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ENCLOSE AND BRING TO HIS ATTENTION THE STATEMENT BY THE GROUP ADOPTED YESTERDAY ON THE SUBJECT OF THE EVENTS IN VENEZUELA (SEE ANNEX).

THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS WOULD HAVE THE TEXT OF THIS NOTE AND ITS ANNEX CIRCULATED AS A DOCUMENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS RIGHTS QUESTIONS", AND OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

ANNEX

STATEMENT BY THE LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GROUP IN THE UNITED NATIONS, ADOPTED IN NEW YORK ON 4 FEBRUARY 1992

1. WITH REFERENCE TO THE ATTEMPTED COUP D'ETAT WHICH TOOK PLACE IN VENEZUELA TODAY, THE LATIN AMERICAN AND THE CARIBBEAN GROUP IN THE UNITED NATIONS EXPRESSES ITS STRONG CONDEMNATION OF THOSE WHO HAVE SOUGHT TO IMPAIR
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THE POLITICAL STABILITY AND REVERSE THE DEMOCRATIC STRENGTHENING AND PROGRESS OR OUR CONTINENT.

2. IT IS ALL THE MORE DEPLORABLE THAT THE ATTEMPTED MILITARY COUP IN VENEZUELA, APART FROM HAVING SOUGHT TO UNDERMINE THE DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS OF THAT FRATERNAL REPUBLIC, SHOULD HAVE BEEN DIRECTED AGAINST THE PHYSICAL INTEGRITY OF ONE OF THE MOST RESPECTED LEADERS IN THE REGION AND SHOULD HAVE LED TO THE REGRETTABLE LOSS OF MANY LIVES.

3. WITH REGARD TO THESE EVENTS, WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THE ISOLATED ACTIONS OF GROUPS WHICH ARE UNAWARE OF THE FORCE OF HISTORY CAN SERVE ONLY TO STRENGTHEN US IN OUR ADHERENCE TO AND DEFENCE OF DEMOCRATIC VALUES.

4. WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THE VENEZUELAN PEOPLE, HEADED BY ITS PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ, WILL RISE FULLY TO THIS CHALLENGE AND CAN RELY IN DOING SO ON THE FULLEST SUPPORT OF ALL LATIN AMERICAN CARIBBEAN PEOPLES.

5. THE LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GROUP EXPRESSES ITS RESOLUTE SUPPORT FOR AND SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF VENEZUELA.

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